

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: The Department of Homeland Security; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4797–S4885

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 984–993, S.J. Res. 18, S. Res. 135, and S. Con. Res. 31.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.(S. Rept. No. 109–65)

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1268.

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Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 133, recognizing the 13th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Congratulating National Asphalt Pavement Association: Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, congratulating the National Asphalt Pavement Association on its 50th anniversary and recognizing the contributions of members of the Association to the United States.

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Honoring Tuskegee Airmen: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 26, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in fighting for our freedom in World War II, and for their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Relative to Former Liberia President Charles Ghankay Taylor: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

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Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Hutchison Amendment No. 617 (to Amendment No. 605), to limit the number of facilities at which the Secretary may collect tolls in the State of Virginia.

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Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 605 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 12, 2005.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 12, 2005.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 117), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4806–49**

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Measures Referred: **Page S4867**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4882–83**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117) **Pages S4848–49**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4885.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE MEDICAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Defense Medical Health Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Kevin C. Kiley, Surgeon General of the Army; Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, Surgeon General of the Navy; Lieutenant General George Peach Taylor, Jr., Surgeon General of the Air Force; Colonel Barbara J. Bruno, Deputy Chief, Army Nurse Corps; Rear Admiral Nancy J. Lescavage, Director, Navy Nurse Corps; and Major General Barbara C. Brannon, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General for Nursing Services.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall

within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to identity theft and fraud, focusing on data broker services and the treatment of such services under existing State and Federal privacy laws, consumer protection, and challenges in securing electronic data, after receiving testimony from Kurt P. Sanford, LexisNexis, Miamisburg, Ohio; Douglas C. Curling, ChoicePoint, Inc., Alpharetta, Georgia; Jennifer T. Barrett, Acxiom Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas; Paul B. Kurtz, Cyber Security Industry Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, and Mari J. Frank, Mari J. Frank and Associates, Laguna Niguel, California.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the National Park Service's funding needs for administration and management of the national park system, after receiving testimony from Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Greg Moore, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, San Francisco, California; Robert Arnberger, The Coalition of National Park Service Retirees, Tucson, Arizona; and Lee Werst, Association of National Park Rangers, Orem, Utah.

OSHA AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the relationship between OSHA and small business, focusing on OSHA rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of small business employees,